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SUBJ: LITTLE INTEREST IN UK ELECTIONS

1. NI ELECTION RESULTS ARE NOT COMPLETELY IN AS THIS IS DRAFTED. (COUNT IS SLOWER THAN IN OTHER UK AREAS.) DUBLIN PAPERS AND POLITICIANS ALL THINK THEY KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT, HOWEVER, SO REACTION IS DETERMINED BEFORE EVENT -- UNLESS THERE IS AN UNLIKELY LAST-MINUTE SURPRISE. EVERYONE EXPECTS HARD-LINE "LOYALISTS" (UNDER UUUC LABEL) TO WIN AT LEAST NINE OR TEN SEATS OF TWELVE BEING CONTESTED. ACCORDING TO DUBLIN COMMENTATORS, THIS PROVES NOTHING EXCEPT WHAT WAS ALREADY KNOWN: THAT NI PROTESTANT MODERATES ARE NOT YET STRONG ENOUGH TO MAKE A LASTING POLITICAL SOLUTION POSSIBLE. AFTER HEARING EARLY FIGURES, FONMIN FITZGERALD COMMENTED ON RADIO THAT CATHOLIC VOTE HAD SWUNG AWAY FROM REPUBLICAN EXTREMES TOWARD MODERATE SDLP, WHILE PROTESTANT VOTE HAD SWUNG TOWARD HARD-LINERS. ONLY APPARENT EXCEPTION TO THIS TREND WAS ENOCH POWELL, WHO WON HIS SEAT, BUT WITHOUT THE EXPECTED IMPRESSIVE MAJORITY.

2. BRITISH ELECTION RESULTS ARE ALREADY CLEAR BUT ARE ALSO AROUSING LITTLE DUBLIN INTEREST. IRISH THINK THE ELECTION HAD LITTLE TO DO WITH ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THEM. MANY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED HEATH VICTORY BECAUSE HE IS CONSIDERED MORE FIRM ON NI AND
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ON EC MEMBERSHIP. ONE RESPECTED COMMENTATOR IN "IRISH TIMES" WRITES:

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"IT IS BRUTALLY CLEAR THAT THE NORTH COMES VERY LOW ON LABOUR'S PRIORITY LIST; HAROLD WILSON WILL FOLLOW THE LINE OF LEAST ESISTANCE AND -- IN IN SPITE OF THE OCCASIONAL RHETORICAL FLOURISH -- HAS NEITHER THE INTEREST NOR THE WILL TO BECOME EMBROILED IN THE NORTHERN PROBLEM AND NO SOLUTIONS CAN BE EXPECTED FROM WESTMINSTER."
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